

the Greater Cleveland Area, as well as for her extensive and diverse service to many individuals and families who call the Cleveland Area home.

HONORING JERSEY CITY POLICE
INSPECTOR JON L. TOOKE

HON. ALBIO SIRE

OF NEW JERSEY
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Mr. SIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Jersey City Police Inspector Jon L. Tooke on the occasion of his retirement. Inspector Tooke who will retire on July 1, 2008, received numerous recognitions for his service, evidence that he was an outstanding member of Jersey City Police Force.

Inspector Tooke, was appointed to the Jersey City Police Department in 1979 and initially assigned to the North District. His dedication garnered the trust of his superiors and earned him other opportunities to serve the Department in the Medical Bureau, Welfare Investigation Unit, Gun Permits Unit, Planning and Research Unit, Police Academy, South District, City Command, Public Information Officer and Patrol Bureau. His experience and his knowledge of the community was recognized by the receipt of numerous awards including ten Excellence Police Service Awards and one World Trade Center Award.

Please join me in honoring Inspector Tooke for his distinguished service to the Jersey City Police Department, and in congratulating him on his retirement.

HONORING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MINQUAS FIRE COMPANY NO. 2

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Mr. GERLACH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the Minquas Fire Company No. 2 of Chester County, Pennsylvania as they celebrate their 100th anniversary of service to our community. Organized on April 2, 1908, their countless hours of service and dedication are a testament to the brave men and women who strive each and every day to keep our communities safe.

The Minquas Fire Company No. 2 was initially organized at a meeting at the Downingtown Opera House. Opening a firehouse shortly thereafter in 1909, the Minquas Fire Company No. 2 has been a fixture in the community ever since. In 1923, Minquas expanded to provide EMS service by creating a separate ambulance committee and ambulance fund and this joint company of fire and EMS crews continues to serve the Downingtown area today.

Presently, the Minquas Fire Company No. 2, home to both fire and EMS crews, runs approximately 2,700 calls annually and covers portions of the Borough of Downingtown and East Caln Township. It also serves the surrounding municipalities as needed. Today, the Company is a combined company of mostly volunteers and some paid EMS staff. There

are more than 75 active members running emergency calls under the leadership of President and Fire Chief Michael Miller and EMS Captain Joel Swisher. The Minquas Fire Company No. 2 will commemorate this great milestone on Saturday, June 21, 2008 with a day of celebration.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating the brave men and women of Minquas Fire Company No. 2 as they celebrate 100 years of protecting our communities. We can never thank our first responders enough for all their dedication and sacrifice to protect the lives and property of their neighbors and the Minquas Fire Company No. 2 is an exemplary example of unselfish service to others.

ANDREW L. JEFFERSON ENDOWMENT FOR TRIAL ADVOCACY

SPEECH OF

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 17, 2008

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 31, which will congratulate the Honorable Andrew L. Jefferson, Jr. on his achievements and his selection as the First Endowed Chair of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Trial Advocacy Program. Judge Jefferson is a friend of mine and a fine American who earned this recognition.

Judge Jefferson has dedicated almost 50 years of service to the legal profession, serving in both public and private practice. He served with honor as a judge of the Court of Domestic Relations in Harris County, and later as the 208th District Court Judge for Harris County. Throughout his career, he has received numerous commendations and awards, including the Anti-Defamation League National Torch of Liberty Award and the League of United Latin American Citizens National Community Service Award, to name a few.

Judge Jefferson has also been an integral member of the Houston community. He has devoted much effort to public service in our area and has been involved with community organizations and services throughout his life. He stands as a lifetime member of the Houston Area Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

This endowment will be an invaluable resource to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law and the legal profession at large. Its creation ensures that Judge Jefferson's legacy continues.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GRACE F. NAPOLITANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Mrs. NAPOLITANO. Madam Speaker, on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, I was absent during rollcall vote No. 415. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on the motion to sus-

pend the rules and pass H.R. 3702—Montana Cemetery Act of 2007.

CONGRATULATING THE BROADWAY MUSICAL "IN THE HEIGHTS" FOR WINNING FOUR TONY AWARDS ON JUNE 15, 2008

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise and congratulate the Broadway musical "In the Heights" for winning four Tony Awards on June 15, 2008 in the categories of Best Musical, Best Original Score, Best Choreography, and Best Orchestrations.

"In the Heights" written by Lin-Manuel Miranda a Puerto Rican native of Washington Heights, highlights the lives of a Dominican and Puerto Rican community in Washington Heights during three days allowing the viewer to delve deeper into a community that is especially dear to me in that they are my constituents. Not only does this Broadway musical showcase issues that affect any family but it also takes the viewer a step further by seeing how specifically the Puerto Rican and Dominican Latino community in Washington Heights is affected by everyday life and also their perspectives on various issues.

I would like to commend the cast and crew of "In the Heights" for their hard work and also the very pertinent issues raised in their musical. As Congressman for this specific constituent community I am very proud that this Broadway musical has had so much success and I congratulate all those involved in making it come to fruition.

CONGRATULATING THE ST. LOUIS
KIWANIS CLUB

HON. W. TODD AKIN

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 18, 2008

Mr. AKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor the St. Louis Kiwanis Club on their 90th anniversary. The St. Louis Kiwanis have been providing community service since 1918.

The Kiwanians have one common goal: To serve the children of the world. Kiwanis advocates this vision everyday by providing opportunities to serve for every member of a community through Service Leadership Programs. Through these opportunities, youth and young adults around the world become competent, capable, and compassionate leaders.

The St. Louis Kiwanis have served their community in many ways, including supporting local charitable organizations including, but not limited to: The Boys and Girls Club of St. Louis, Kiwanis Camp Wyman, Key Clubs, and the Kiwanis Children's Dental Foundation Mobile Clinic. They serve by providing manpower at local events and promoting other children's related causes.

The Kiwanis have reached out to their fellow citizens in need and, in the process, have enriched their own lives.

I want to congratulate and thank the St. Louis Kiwanis for the time and service they